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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to give first priority to supporting and passing the defense appropriations bill.

WHEREAS, the security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation of the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed Forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard, and Reserves have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our nation, and

WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork-barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork-barrel spending in other appropriations bills, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on the United States, President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the defense appropriations bill before passing other spending bills, and

WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, and 2004 budgets when it passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the men and women in our Armed Forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers, NOW,

THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 That the Congress of the United States is commended for
32 making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003,
33 and 2004 and is requested to continue this important tradition
34 by passing and enacting the defense appropriations bill before
35 all other spending bills in 2005 and in future years.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
37 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
38 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
39 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
40 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.